



# Study on the research, innovation and technology transfer capacities and on the recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries

Task 1: Recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries

INTERIM REPORT



# Recruitment and contracting

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# Workplan – revised due to pandemic crisis

Task	Activity	Who	Original deadline	New deadline
1	Organization of kick-off meeting	SWG	29-Nov	
1	Draft templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	SR T1	29-Nov	
1	Final templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	SR T1	13-Dec	
1.1	Collect statistical and agricultural policy data in the respective country/territory (APM and statistical database)	NE T1	14-Apr	5-May-20
1.1	Provide a cross-country harmonised and consistent database of the support level by specific policy instrument as well as aggregated support level of the individual policy instruments by the support type following the international classification of agricultural support.	SR T1	25-Apr	22-May-20
1, 2	Interim report	SWG	5-May	11-Jun
1	Organization of interim meeting	SWG	26-28 May 2020	25 June 2020
1.2	First draft country case studies on WB	NE T1	1-Jun	17-Jun-20
1.3	Collect relevant statistical and agricultural policy data in Turkey from relevant national official sources (APM and statistical database)	NE Turkey	1-Jun	
1	Feedback to the National Experts on the first draft country case studies on WB (Task 1)	SR T1	30-Jun	15-Jul-20
1.3	First draft country case study on Turkey	NE Turkey	1-Jul	
1.2	Second draft country case studies on WB	NE T1	15-Jul	31-Aug-20
1.3	Feedback to the National Expert on the first draft country case study on Turkey (Task 1)	NE T1	15-Jul	
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1.4	Provide cross-country synthesis report	SR T1	14-Aug	15-Oct-20
1	Final report	SWG	1-Sep	29-Oct-20
1	Organization of final meeting	SWG	15-Sep	12-Nov
1	Presentation of the findings in the Agricultural Policy Forum 2020	SR	Oct-20	

# Completed activities and preliminary results

- **Kick-off meeting** - 27 November 2019, Krusevo, North Macedonia
  - Detailed workplan presented and agreed upon, scope of the work refined, research questions agreed upon, overall approach discussed
- **Templates**
  - Templates for statistical database
  - APM templates for collection of information on agricultural policy developments
  - Standard outline for country case studies
- **Achievements**
  - Most recent publicly available relevant **statistical data** collected, some of the databases will be updated in the coming period
  - **APM databases** for all of the Western Balkan countries/territories updated for the period 2018 – 2019, some of the databases will be updated in the coming period
  - National Expert from **Turkey** provided an **on-line instruction session** on working with the APM tool
  - First draft of the **APM database for Turkey** delivered
  - First draft **country case studies** prepared



# Issues and deviations

- **COVID-19 pandemic** - Restricted mobility and closed institutions
  - Reduced ability of data collection and reduced response rate
  - Disabled physical presence in meetings
  - Two-month no-cost extension approved by JRC
- **Delayed publication of relevant data**
  - Databases will be regularly updated with newest data over the project duration



# Next steps

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